

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 23 have been amended. Claims 5, 8, 14, 22 and 24 have been canceled previously. Thus, claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-13, 15-21, and 23 remain pending.

The Examiner noted that the specification contains a computer program listing printout of more than 300 lines. A computer program listing APPENDIX on a compact disc accompanies this Amendment. The specification has been amended to delete the listing therein and to provide the proper reference to the computer program listing appendix.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-13, 21 and 23 stand rejection for reciting a process that is not directed to the technological arts. The rejected independent claims have been amended to recite that at least one step is performed on a computer to obviate the rejection.

Claims 1, 6, 7 9 and 10 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 18 and 19 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/872,401. A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed to obviate the rejection.

The allowed claims 15-20 are noted with thanks.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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